

REMARKS

At the outset the applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the application.

By the present amendment the applicant has amended the claims so as to overcome the Examiner's objections to the claims and his rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 4 to 7 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by U.S. Patent 5,011,222, to Yates et al. It generally appears that the Yates et al cycle saddle is basically a conventional saddle having a depression at the rear edge (Figure 10) to provide a coccyx support 14 and a genital groove 16. However, Yates et al does not disclose an opening or channel as shown and claimed in the present application as channel 8. Specifically, the Examiner's attention is directed to the instant specification at page 5, line 18 to page 6, line 8 wherein the benefits attributed to the channel 8 are fully described. It should be noted that as a result of providing this channel 8, the usual crushing of the human genitalia (particularly the male) and the resulting discomfort is completely avoided as is the crushing of the blood vessels surrounding this area. Yates et al only

discloses the slight depression 16 for accommodation of the human genitalia which still necessarily results in the crushing thereof and the resulting discomfort and physiological problems.

The Examiner also rejects claim 3 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yates et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,356,205, to Calvert et al. Neither the Yates et al nor the Calvert et al reference shows or discloses a channel in the cycle saddle for the accommodation of the human genitalia and therefore all of the elements described in claim 3 are not encompassed by the references.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 7 are indeed patentable over the cited references and the rejection thereof should therefore be withdrawn. Such action is respectfully solicited.

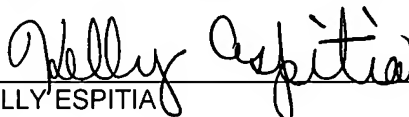
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